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1. SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON CYPRUS --

AT INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON
CYPRUS SEPT. 8, PRESIDENT VON WECHMAR (FRG) SAID HIS

SOUNDINGS INDICATED NUMBER OF MEMBERS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT BENIN-MAURITIUS-PANAMA DRAFT RESOLUTION, AND HE SUGGESTED INDIAN AMB JAIPAL CONTINUE HIS PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON TEXT. IN TURN, JAIPAL ASKED BENIN AND CANADA TO HELP HIM AND THEY RELUCTANTLY AGREED. TUEKS ARE ADAMANTLY STICKING TO THEIR POSITION OPPOSING ANY RESOLUTION AND ARE REFUSING TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS IN NUMEROUS DRAFT IN CIRCULATION. SOVIETS PRESSED FOR SEPT. 9 MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE TO SPEAK, BUT TIMING OF MEETING NOT YET SET. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2923)

2. EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON GA ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL --

EGYPTIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAGGAG FORSEES DEBATE IN NEW YORK BETWEEN ARAB MODERATES AND HARD-LINERS OVER DRAFTING OF EGYPTIAN GA RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS POLICY. HE SAID EGYPT WILL SEEK TO CONFINE TEXT TO THIS ISSUE, WHILE SYRIA AND OTHERS MAY SEEK STRONGER LANGUAGE. EGYPTIANS REGARD US SUPPORT FOR THE GA RESOLUTION AS ESSENTIAL, WILL CONSULT US ON THE TEXT, AND CONSIDER IT WOULD BE A GREAT SETBACK FOR ARAB MODERATES IF US FAILED TO VOTE FOR IT IN THE GA. HE STATED THE ARAB LEAGUE HAD TAKEN NO DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR WHEN TO SEEK NEW SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO
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3. NAMIBIA --

THE CONTACT GROUP CONCLUDED THAT LOGISTICAL ADVANTAGES OF PROXIMITY TALKS WERE OUTWEIGHED BY A PROBABLE SOUTH AFRICAN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT A NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE WHICH PUBLICLY EQUATED THE SAG WITH SWAPO, AND DECIDED IT SEEMED TACTICALLY PREFERABLE TO APPROACH SWAPO WITH WHAT IT HOPED WILL BE SOLID PROGRESS TO REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE. THE GROUP, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF A US-PREPARED SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLAN. THE BRITISH BELIEVED SOUTH AFRICAN WOULD NOT ACCEPT RATE AND SCOPE OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS ENVISAGED BY THE US AND OPPOSED A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN PRINCIPLE. CANADIANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THE US AGREED TO CONSIDER VIEWS EXPRESSED AND TO PREPARE A REVISED DRAFT. THE GROUP DELEGATED THE GERMANS (SEPTEMBER SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT) TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN CALLING FOR SC ACTION "TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY AS AN

INTEGRAL PART" OF NAMIBIA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2917)

4. RHODESIAN SANCTIONS --

US AND BRITISH MISOFFS EXPLORED IN GREATER DEPTH IDEA
OF A CORE GROUP WHICH COULD PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION
OF BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING SANCTIONS AGAINST
RHODESIA AND GENERATE POSITIVE PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATION
TO THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE. IT WAS AGREED A DREFERENDUM
THAT BENEFITS JUSTIFIED AT LEAST INITIAL EXPLORATORY MEETING
ON CORE GROUP, OR "CONSULTATIVE GROUP," CONCEPT, AND
THAT JOINT UK/US INVITATION WOULD DESCRIBE MEETING,
SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 13, AS AN INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON
SANCTIONS MATTERS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2919)
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5. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT --

IN US/SOVIET EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS
FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), THE
SOVIETS EMPHASIZED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE SSOD WOULD PUT
PRESSURE ON THE NUCLEAR SUPERPOWERS TO PROCEED MORE
RAPIDLY THAN REALISTICALLY POSSIBLE WITH DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS, AND INDICATED THEIR GENERAL PREFERENCE
FOR A DAMAGE-LIMITING APPROACH. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR
DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND AVOID
ESTABLISHMENT OF CCD/UN LINK WHICH WOULD SUBORDINATE
THE FORMER TO THE LATTER. WE EMPHASIZED OUR READINESS
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TO SUPPORT SSOD PROVIDED NONALIGNED MAINTAIN A MODERATE
AND REASONABLE POSITION, INDICATED WE ARE TAKING FLEXIBLE
POSITION ON CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, AND UNDERScoreD OPPOR-
TUNITY TO GAIN INCREASED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR
NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2910)

6. COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT --

SOVIET REP (TIMERBAEV) INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE
SEPT. 7 DRAFT OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DECLARATION ON DIS-
ARMAMENT AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE PAPER CONTAINS (1)
GENERAL EVALUATION OF PRESENT SITUATION, INCLUDING ASSESS-
MENT OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND A
DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE ON DISARMAMENT, AND
(2) GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM OF ACTION. OTHER COSPONSORS
ARE BULGARIA, HUNGARY, GDR, MONGOLIA, POLAND AND CZECHO-
SLOVAKIA. IN HIS STATEMENT, TIMERBAEV SAID FUNDAMENTAL
IDEA IN DECLARATION IS THAT DISARMAMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY INTERNATIONAL MILITARY DETENTE AND REDUCTION OF INTER-
NATIONAL TENSION. HE MADE BRIEF CRITICAL REFERENCE TO
US POLICY REGARDING CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE. FOL-
LOWING APPROVING REMARKS BY POLAND AND GDR, US REP (WEILER)
REGRETTED SOVIET ACCUSATORY LANGUAGE, OBSERVED THAT HARSH
WORDS HAD NEVER DISMANTLED A SINGLE CANNON, AND SAID THE
US CONSIDERED THE SPECIAL SESSION AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER
ALL PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT WITH IMAGINATION AND A FRESH
APPROACH. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2916)

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SEPT. 8 THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED FIRST READING
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